

Hi Alderson Families,

Our Grade 4 and 5 Leadership students hosted their **"Silly Hat Day"** today and it was great fun for all. Thanks to them for their efforts to set up these fun days for our school

Rainy Weather Ahead

Please remember to send your child to school with **rain gear** each day. When it rains they love to be in the puddles so **boots** are especially important. A pair of indoor shoes that they can leave at school and wear when they are in their classroom is also highly recommended so that they have something dry to change into after a wet day outside. Keeping a change of clothes in their backpack also reduces the chance that we will need to call you to ask for dry clothes for your child.

Parking for drop-off and pick-up

Please be aware that there is **NO pick-up or drop-off of student in our staff parking lot** unless you require accessible parking and have been issued a permit for that. Our school has grown and there are days when our staff are not able to find parking in the lot so it is important that parents respect this expectation.

There are also a few families who require accessible parking so we all appreciate each of your cooperation with this.

Parents dropping off items for their children

Occasionally parents need to drop off things for their child when they are forgotten at home (ie: a lunch or a snack). **Please drop these things off for your child at the office—please do not wandering onto the playground during recess and lunch.** Please understand that most of our staff will not recognize you and will become concerned that you are a stranger approaching children. When you drop things off for your child at the office please make sure they are clearly labelled with their first and last name and their division number.

Halloween

It will soon be Halloween!! We will be having some special events here at the school during the day and students are encouraged to wear their costumes if they would like to.

Please ensure that the costume your child wears to school is school-appropriate. The letter from Patricia Gartland (Superintendent of Coquitlam Schools) explains in detail what is permitted in a school setting. If your child is wearing a costume for trick-or-treating that is gory or has a replica weapon involved, please make sure those details are left at home when they wear their costume to school.

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Daily Health Check

Please keep your child home if they are ill and unable to participate fully in routine activities.

Your cooperation with keeping your child home from school when they are ill protects other students and staff from illness.

If your child suffers from allergies resulting in cold-like symptoms, please let your child's teacher know so that we don't call home to report that they are ill unnecessarily.

Upcoming Events....

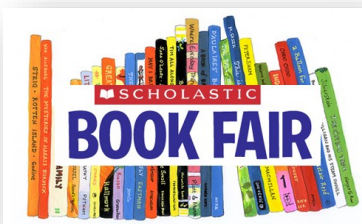
Monday, October 23	PAC Meeting —6:30 in the library
October 25 & 26	Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences. Your child's teacher will let you know how you can set a time to meet with them. Students will be dismissed at 1:50 on these days.
	Book Fair!! Children can purchase books during lunch hour or with their parents from 2:00—3:30
October 27	Subway Hot Lunch (see ordering info on page 4)
October 31	Halloween Festivities—students are welcome to wear their costumes
Thurs. Nov 9—11:00-12:00	Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday November 10	School Closure Day (schools are closed)
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday (schools are closed)
Friday, November 17	White Spot Hot Lunch (see ordering info on page 4)
Thursday, November 30	Volleyball Tournament

School Calendar

There is an overview of the main school dates for the year on our website. Please visit our school website to download a copy. Direct Link: [Alderson Calendar and Bell Schedule 2023-24](#)

Please also check our ecalendar for a complete list of future dates:

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson/Calendar



The Scholastic Book Fair is once again coming to Alderson on October 25th and 26th during lunch time and after school until 3:30 pm in the school library. Partial funds from your purchases at the book fair go to support our library and classroom libraries.

Wed, Oct. 25, 12:00-12:35pm, 2:00-3:30pm
Thurs, Oct. 26, 12:00-12:35pm, 2:00-3:30pm

Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences

On October 25th and October 26th students will be dismissed from school at 1:50. This is to make some time for parents to meet with their child's teacher.

Each teacher has a different schedule for their meetings and will let you know how to set up a time to meet with them. Your meeting time may be on a different day that week depending on what works best for your child's teacher and yourself.

Division 3 Families: Please check your email for a message from Mrs. Strang about Parent Conferences for your class. Meetings with Ms. Kasidoulis and Ms. Gjalterna will be held between October 30 and November 10th.

School Paperwork

Thanks so much to all of you who have completed your school paperwork for this year. If you have not yet done so please do as soon as possible. A few of the most important forms your child needs completed are:

- The **Emergency Release Form**: (a paper copy was sent home) . This provides us info about “safe release people” if you are unable to pick up your child during an emergency situation (earthquake etc).
- The **School Policies Form**: (online at: sd43.schoolcashonline.com) These forms include permission for your child to participate in some school activities (short walking trips, using the internet for learning etc). Students who do not have their permission forms completed will not be able to participate in these activities until the forms are complete.
- The **Student Verification Form**: The information in that form is based on the current information we have for your child in MyEd BC. Please follow the instructions in the email that was sent out recently and let us know if we need to update any of the information we have for your child. **If we do not hear from you, we will assume that all of the information in that form is correct.** If you have any questions or need assistance with your log-in please let us know by emailing us or calling the office

Refundable Recycling

Division 2 is working on fundraising by processing the refundable recycling for our school. If you would like to contribute to their efforts you can donate your refundables by dropping them off at a local return-it depot.

Locations: <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express/>

Simply put all your donations into a blue recycling bag, go to the express kiosk and enter the school account phone number:

777 888-7788

The money they raise will be used to donate to a charity and for a year-end celebration.



FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome! Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/ Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

November 8, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm (online)

Link to register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>

Alderson PAC

All parents in our community are automatically members of the PAC (Parent advisory council).

PAC Meeting
October 23, 2023
6:30 in the Library

Also, be sure to follow our Alderson PAC Facebook page so you are informed about PAC initiatives: <https://www.facebook.com/AldersonElementary/>

Hot Lunch

You can order for the PAC Hot Lunches here:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/alderson>

We are always looking for volunteers to help with hot lunches, if you are available, please let them know through Munchalunch, or email the PAC: aldersonschoolpac@gmail.com

A big thanks to our PAC for running this hot lunch program. Happy ordering!

If money is tight for your family right now your child does not have to miss out on hot lunches –please be in contact with Anita Strang (astrang@sd43.bc.ca) or Shannon Dryer(sdryer@sd43.bc.ca).

October 27—Subway

November 17—White Spot

Take care,

Anita Strang

Principal,

Alderson Elementary

www.sd43.bc.ca/school/alderson

astrang@sd43.bc.ca

(604) 939-8301



Ticky Titans
FREE
Celebration of Softball Practice
for kids born 2015/2016/2017

- No equipment needed for this unique, try-it-out event
- Kids HAVE FUN while making friends, exercising, and learning the game.
- Covers fundamentals of softball, emphasizing fair play, safety, teamwork, and fun with sought-after coaches and Titan mentors.

Our Players ❤️ Our U9 Program:

- We welcome Multi-Sport Kids & new athletes born 2017/2016/2015
- 1 Game and 1 Practice/week Monday & Wednesday 6 - 8 pm April - June
- Winter development available
- Epic Summer Wrap-up Party

Info and Player Registration
<https://www.tcmsa.ca/u9-registration/>

October 29
10 am - 12 pm
Hyde Creek Rec Centre
1379 Laurier Ave

CENTENNIAL FOOTBALL GAME THIS FRIDAY!

The Centennial Football team is playing South Delta this Friday at 3:00pm at the Centennial Turf Field. We would like to invite students from surrounding schools to partake in a youth halftime "PUNT, PASS, KICK" competition! We will be award prizes in each age group! If you would like more information, please contact cocameron@sd43.bc.ca. Thanks for your consideration!

GO CENTAURS!



**HALFTIME YOUTH
- PUNT - PASS - KICK -
COMPETITION!**

FRIDAY OCT 20 - 3:00PM
CENTENNIAL TURF
CENTENNIAL CENTAURS VS SOUTH DELTA SUN DEVILS



1080 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam, British Columbia V3J 0M6 ● Phone 604-939-9201

October 6, 2023

A Message to SD43 families: Safe and Appropriate Halloween

Halloween across all schools in SD43 is a fun and festive day which brings the school community together. Typically, the time around Halloween is incident-free and very respectful.

From time to time, a few students “in character” push the boundaries of what is socially acceptable, or what is appropriate behavior in schools, sometimes at the expense of others. With that in mind, for student safety and school climate reasons, and to ensure that every student and adult in our community enjoys the time around Halloween, we would like your assistance in reinforcing these guidelines with your children:

- Students in costume should be easily recognizable and/or identify themselves to any staff member when queried. Also, students “in character” are to conduct themselves appropriately. Behaviors which intimidate, harass, or humiliate members of the community do not contribute to a fun, festive, and safe environment.
- Replica weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are inappropriate, as are costumes which are hyper-sexualized, or costumes which depict elements of sexual exploitation.
- It is also important to note that costumes which portray negative stereotypes or that demean or make fun of any group of people are inappropriate. Costumes should not make light of anyone’s religious, cultural, ethnic or racial group.

As a reminder, by law and School District expectations, the use and possession of firecrackers or fireworks at school is strictly prohibited. This pertains to students before, during or after school, on or offsite.

With respect for each other, we can avoid any disruption to school communities in the form of vandalism and/or disrespectful, potentially dangerous behaviour. Students and parents need to be mindful that inappropriate behaviour will be addressed by school administration under the authority granted by the BC School Act and with the involvement of police where appropriate.

Please refer to these readily available public websites for more information:

<https://www.coquitlam.ca/286/Fire-Safety-Tips>

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/fire-emergency-services/fire-safety-information/>

<https://www.portmoody.ca/en/city-services/fall-safety-tips.aspx#Halloween-Safety>

Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent/CEO



2023 Full Day Winter Camps Gr. K - 7

This winter break, join staff from Place Maillardville Society for a full day of fun! Our leaders have planned an assortment of games, sports, crafts and outdoor adventures.

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Maillard Middle School
1300 Rochester Ave., Coquitlam

Week	Dates	Cost
1	Dec 27 - 29 3 days	\$105
2	Jan 2 - 5 4 days	\$140



Register online at placemaillardville.ca